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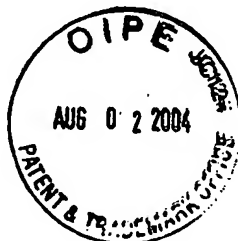


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*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

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Serial No.: 10/764,103 Examiner: To Be Assigned
Filed: 01/23/2004 Art Unit: To Be Assigned
For: **SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE WITH DISSECTING TIP**

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Respectfully submitted,

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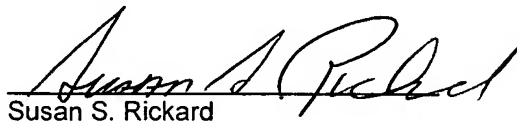
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